THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gas has been found at Ghotaru and Manhara Tibba in Rajasthan.

(c) Till 31st March, 1985, the amount spent on exploration in Rajasthan is about Rs. 56 crores. Details of exploratory expenditure in Madhya Pradesh are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

M/s. Sheri Louise Slimming Centre, Bombay

863. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any inquiry against M/s Sheri Louise Slimming Centre, Bombay holding that its advertisements on the usefulness of their slimming programme/course were misleading and not based on adequate and proper test;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several patients who underwent the slimming course developed serious complications; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the inquiry and what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The M.R.T.P. Commissoin has instituted an enquiry under Sections 36A, 36B (a) and 36D of the M. R. T. P Act, 1969 in respect of the activities of M/s. Sheri Louise Slimming Centre Private Limited, Bombay. The enquiry is a sequel to the preliminary investigation conducted by the Additional Director General (Investigation) under Section 36C of the Act. From the investigation report it appeared to the Commission:—

(i) that several patients who had undergone slimming course/programme developed serious complications showing that the said programme offered by the company was not free from injurious effects on the health of the patients;

(ii) that the representations made by the company through various advertisements as to the usefulness of the slimming course/programme of its sponsorship, approval and affiliation, of benefits and its quality and standard were misleading of false;

(iii) that the company's claim about the efficacy of safety of the course/programme or treatment was not based on adequate or proper test; and

(iv) that the trade practice indulged in by the company for the promotion of its business interest caused loss or injury to the consumers.

The Enquiry into the Unfair Trade Practices as aforesaid is fixed for hearing gefore the Commission on 16-12-1985.

मुंगेर जिले के बरियारपुर क्षेत्र में एस० टी०डी० सुविधा

864. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मुंगेर जिले के बरियारपुर क्षेत्र में सीधे डायल करने की व्यवस्था (एस० टी० डी०) के अभाव में टेलीफोन की लाइन का मिल पाना कठिन हो गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार उपर्युक्त क्षेत्र मे सीधे डायल करने की सुविधा (एस० टी० डी०) शीघ्र ही प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) जी, नहीं । बरियारपुर के छोटे स्वचल एक्सचेंज से एस० टी० डी० सुविधा प्रदान करना संभव नहीं है।